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Dear Lydia,

Thank you for your emails regarding ECRI's proprietary Alerts Tracker (now called Alerts Workflow), and Automatch for Supplies services, which are part of your existing ECRI memberships. These services are available only from ECRI.

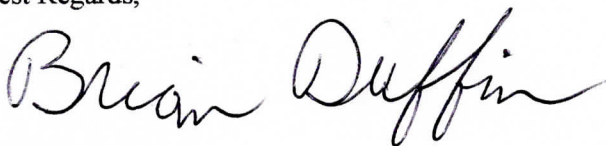
While other companies provide subsets of some of ECRI's services, they do not provide support across the technology continuum – from strategic technology planning and assessment, through to device testing and comparisons and selection support, to price benchmarking to the automated online tracking of alerts, hazards and recalls.

I would like to emphasize several aspects of ECRI that distinguish us from other organizations:

- ✦ ECRI is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with a strict, written conflict-of-interest policy. For example, each year, *every* employee's income tax return is reviewed by our chief financial officer to ensure that no employee owns stock in a medical device manufacturer. Consequently, our reputation for independent, objective recommendations is unmatched.
- ✦ ECRI's truly multidisciplinary staff includes over 400 full-time healthcare professionals, including physicians, nurses, engineers, physicists, M.B.A.s, and lawyers. This staff allows us to approach every technology and equipment issue with a great deal of experience and to make informed decisions from clinical, technical, and financial perspectives. Our 120,000-square-foot facility houses many laboratories for investigation and research and allows us the unique ability to investigate issues on-site. We do much more than simply review others' research; we do research (and publish it) ourselves.
- ✦ ECRI is designated as an Evidence-Based Practice Center (EPC) by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
- ✦ Designated a Patient Safety Organization (PSO) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005
- ✦ ECRI has a 12-acre research campus with a 120,000 square foot headquarters with laboratories where are conducted independent performance and safety testing on medical equipment. No other company provides results of unbiased equipment testing as part of their services.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



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